

IDAHO COMMISSION OF PARDONS AND PAROLE

Idaho Criminal Justice Commission Update
May 2020

COVID- 19 UPDATES

Hearing Process

Maximum
Discretion

Public Safety

HEARING PROCESS MARCH 2020

Regular hearings at IDOC
facility for week one

March 13- visiting
suspended at all IDOC
facilities

Visitors strongly
encouraged to utilize call
in options to participate in
or attend hearings

Participation options
remained the same

Inmates on video as usual

Hearing order posted on
Commission website

March 18 proclamation -Open Meetings Act

WebEx virtual hearings

Commissioners attending from residences

Public attending via computer or smartphone

Inmates via video

Participation options remain the same

Hearing order on Commission website

Executive session deliberation

HEARING PROCESS APRIL AND MAY 2020

LESSONS LEARNED

Great feedback from victims

- No need to travel
- Testimony provided in a familiar location
- Eliminates issues with harassment or no contact orders
- Choice to be on video or only audio
- Choice to testify or only observe

Increased hearing participation

- More members of the public virtually attending
- No need to travel
- Better allows for public official attendance
- Few issues with inappropriate demeanor

MAXIMUM DISCRETION

If the Commission grants parole, granting only open tentative parole dates

Modifications to the hearing schedule to complete re-reviews of those who are parole eligible based on certain criteria

Reviewing reinstatement options for parole violators more regularly

Modifying tentative parole dates to open for those previously granted parole by the Commission with a tentative parole date between March and September 2020

Postponing pardon, commutation, restoration of firearms and full Commission hearings



Development of list of cases for review were done in collaboration with the Department of Correction



Included medical cases submitted by IDOC's medical provider who met the established criteria



Systematically looked at options for people who are currently parole eligible

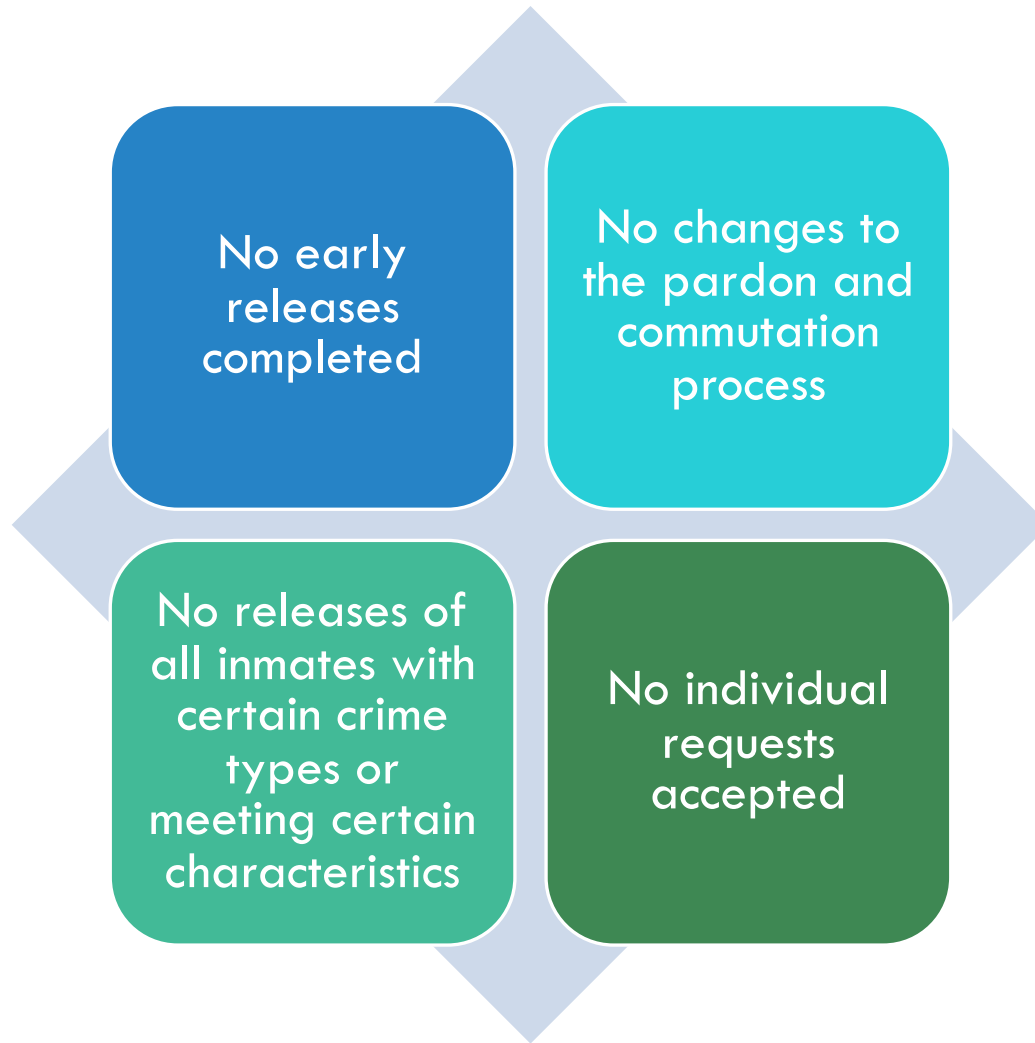


Applied a structured approach to reviewing cases



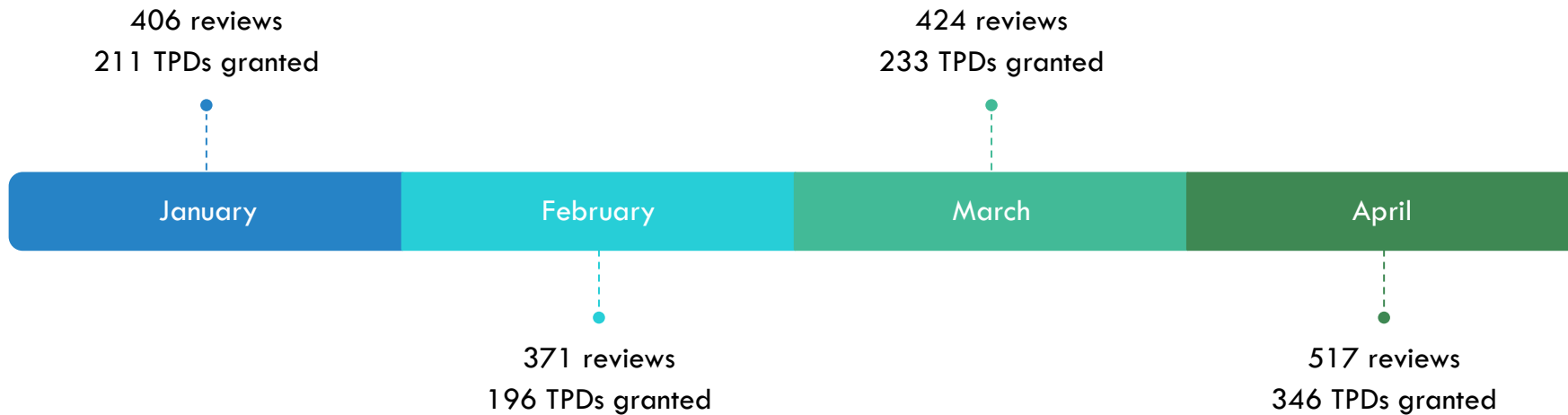
Not accepting inmate or public requests for specific cases to be reviewed

**MAXIMUM
DISCRETION**



RUMOR VS. REALITY

CASES CONSIDERED VS. TENTATIVE PAROLE DATES GRANTED



Parole decisions remain individualized

Decisions are based on unique facts of the case

Must complete programming

Must have an approved release plan

Maximum discretion only utilized for those deemed not to be a public safety risk

PUBLIC SAFETY

QUESTIONS?